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Promises and politicking

ELECTION

Three top parties tout platforms, go door-knocking over long weekend

The Easter weekend saw the three top parties back away from most of the politicking, instead heading out to knock on doors. However, that didn't stop a few promises from being made.

The NDP appealed to city slickers hoping to get away for the weekend and said if elected, they will spend $20 million on campgrounds and parks, including more yurts and serviced lots, including Wi-Fi for more campgrounds.

NDP say they will create 1,000 more beds in personal care homes for seniors if the party is re-elected.

Leader Greg Selinger also the party would also fund a new research chair in palliative care, create 1,000 more personal care home beds and create new hospice beds.

The Manitoba Progressive Conservatives promised to boost literacy if they are elected next month.

Leader Brian Pallister says the party would develop a program to ensure kids could read at or above national levels by Grade 3.

He said the program would include a beefed-up curriculum with specific literacy goals, as well as reading assessment teams to help struggling students.

Pallister estimated the program would cost about $7 million.

In what was likely the most scrutinized promise over the weekend, Manitoba Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari said a Liberal government in Manitoba would set aside a certain number of seats in the legislature for indigenous people.

Bokhari says aboriginals would get 10 per cent — or roughly six — of the legislature's 57 seats.

She can't say how exactly the seats would be elected, but adds that would be decided after extensive consultation. Nor did she say exactly how the party would encourage indigenous people to run.

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Hail the Death Cab

Ben Gibbard and the rest of Death Cab for Cutie co-headlined with Metric at MTS Centre on Sunday

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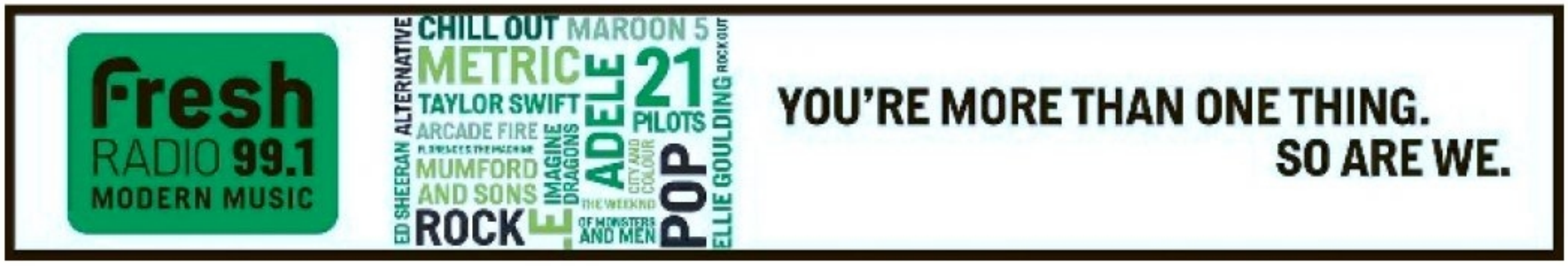

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'Holistic approach' to education

The Winnipeg school division credits preventative programs for a significant drop in student suspensions over the past five years, while graduation rates have increased

1 The 2014/2015 school year had 1,006 student suspensions and recorded the lowest per cent of students receiving suspensions (2.0 per cent). Compared to 2009/2010, which saw 1,645 suspensions (3.2 per cent).

2 The total number of junior students receiving suspensions was higher than elementary or senior students over the last six years, and peaked in 2010/2011. The per cent of students receiving suspensions over the last six years has slowly decreased at all grade levels.

3 In 2014/2015, Grade 9 recorded the highest number of suspended students (155) and Grade 8 recorded the highest percentage of suspended students per grade (6.2 per cent of Grade 8 students).

4 The percentage of suspensions for female students has remained consistently lower than male suspensions. Male students consistently receive the majority of suspensions. The number of male and female suspensions for 2014/2015 remained similar to the previous years.

5 The largest percentage of all suspensions continues to be for one to two days in length.

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The kids are all right, and their behaviour is, too.

Over the past few years, the number of out-of-school suspensions in the Winnipeg School division (WSD) has decreased from 1,645 in 2009 to just 1,006 last school year.

The number of students receiving suspensions has also decreased despite annual student body growth, from 1,138 to a 2013/14 low of 713 and 719 in 2014/15.

That comes after a steady year-over-year decline, punctuated by the fact that the ratio of students suspended versus total number of students has decreased from 3.2 per cent six years ago to 2 per cent for the last two years.

Mark Wasyliw, WSD board chairperson, said it has to do with a more understanding and "holistic approach" of supporting students rather than immediate suspension.

"When you're in the business of educating people, kicking them out is counterproductive," he said. "We have a lot of preventative measures in place where we try to stamp out problems before they get to that level to begin with."

It's nothing nefarious. Wasyliw compares the supportive school strategy to the Winnipeg Police Service's increase in community outreach, calling it "analogous" to that approach.

"It's less reactive, more preventative, less adversarial, more collaborative… you're working not only with the student but the school community trying to come together to find a solution that works for everyone… very different than, 'Let's isolate a student,'" Wasyliw said.

The WSD Safe School Communities Initiatives, he said, help ensure kids with underlying problems that often lead to acting out (formerly resulting in suspensions) are now met with understanding.

Every school in the division has a safe school plan with a code of conduct and behaviour management strategies.

Schools also have access to positive behaviour intervention and support specialists, in addition to on-site resource officers.

The results have been positive beyond reducing suspensions, though that's more part of the solution, than the ultimate goal, said Wasyliw.

The stronger indicator of positive change is graduation rates, having increased from around 69 per cent 10 years ago to higher than 80 per cent last year.

"That just shows at one time what would happen when you had conflict in the school is students (being) pushed out… we are trying to graduate all students, to do that you have to overcome some pretty significant barriers," Wasyliw said.

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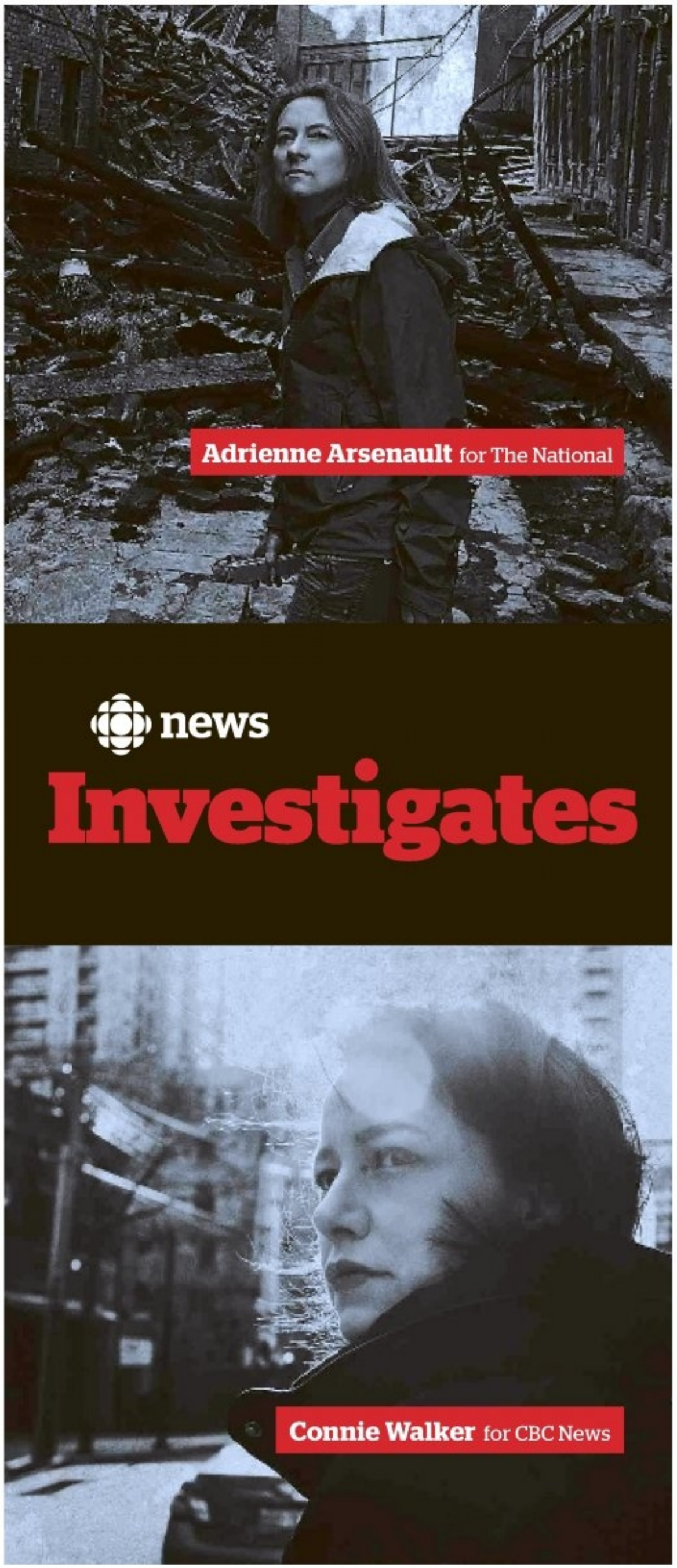


Searchers look around a ditch near Chase Martens' home. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toddler's body found in creek

DISAPPEARANCE

Police sergeant commends the community for search effort

Days of searching by hundreds of volunteers for a missing Manitoba toddler ended with the discovery of the boy's body in a creek.

RCMP Sgt. Bert Paquet told reporters there were no "obvious signs of foul play" in the death of two-year-old Chase Martens and it appears he just walked away from his home.

The little boy's body was found Saturday afternoon near the community of Austin after a search began on Tuesday.

"This appears to be exactly what we all thought it was: a tragedy," Paquet said.

Paquet said that while police aren't looking at foul play in the case, a team of investigators would be working to determine how the little boy died. An autopsy is to be conducted Sunday.

On Thursday, the boy's parents had pleaded for any information that might lead to a reunion with their son, saying it would be unusual for Chase to wander off the property without the family dog.

On Sunday, the family released a statement through the Canadian Centre for Child Protection thanking searchers and pleading for privacy.

"Today, the family of Chase Martens is completely devastated as they come to grips with the tragic loss of their little boy.

"While they are completely heartbroken, they have been overwhelmed by the love and kindness our community has shown their family."

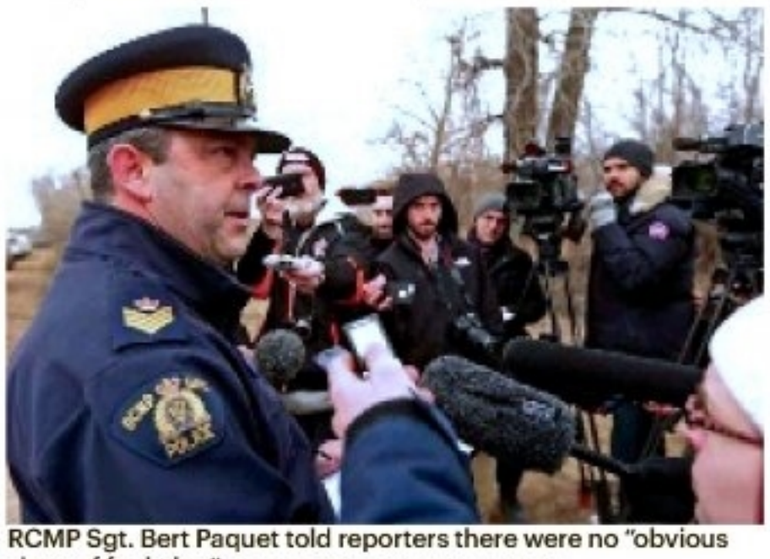
The search for Chase involved hundreds of people on foot and horseback, driving ATVs and in the air.

"I would estimate that about 30,000 volunteer hours were donated this week, the majority of them by people who are total strangers to the Martens family," Paquet said.

"The true genuine care and concern of Manitobans is something that should be recognized and commended."

Paquet said the body of water where the boy was found was only about half-a-kilometre from his home. He said experts advised early on that it was a spot that should be searched in greater depth, and teams visited several times as the search area expanded.

Smith said he saw an open spot on the creek near the family home on Wednesday where the sun had melted the ice. He said he repeatedly walked up and down the shoreline.



RCMP Sgt. Bert Paquet told reporters there were no "obvious signs of foul play." JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The news came as a huge blow to neighbours such as Robert Smith, who took part in the search with members of the local crime watch and range patrol.

"Everybody that had something they could offer, they stepped forward. I'm so proud to be a person from Austin because it's just so wonderful to know that people would drop whatever they have to come to support a family that's in need," Smith said.

"We live along a little creek ... and the first thing you do when your kids are missing is you go to the creek and look, because kids are curious," Smith said.

The searchers who found the body were volunteers from Winnipeg, Paquet said. He added that resources would be made available to provide them with counselling. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No foul play in death of First Nations teen

KENORA

Girl's family 'devastated' after body discovered

An autopsy has found no evidence of foul play in the death of a teenager from Kenora, Ont.

The office of the chief coroner has determined that Delaine Copenace drowned.

The 16-year-old's remains were discovered Tuesday morning in the Lake of the Woods at the edge of Kenora.

The First Nations girl had been the subject of an extensive missing person's search for the last three weeks. Municipal workers found her body in the water.

Delaine was last seen in downtown Kenora on the night of Feb. 27 and her family reported her missing the next day.

Relatives on Facebook posted that she had gone for a walk with friends and it was out of character for the shy girl not to return home.

The police search grew to include the Canadian Centre for Child Protection and a large number of community volunteers. It also stretched 200 kilometres west to Winnipeg, where Delaine had family and often visited.

Posters were plastered to lampposts and a cash reward was offered for information. There were candlelight vigils and a benefit concert.

James Favel with the volunteer Bear Clan Patrol in Winnipeg said his group received a call Friday that Delaine had been spotted in the city, but it turned out to be her identical twin sister who was there helping with the search.

He phoned the girl's family Tuesday when he heard a body had been found.

"I spoke with the grandmother about it but she broke down right away," he said. "It's very unfortunate things ended the way they did."

Family members issued a statement thanking people for their support and prayers. They said they are devastated and asked for privacy.

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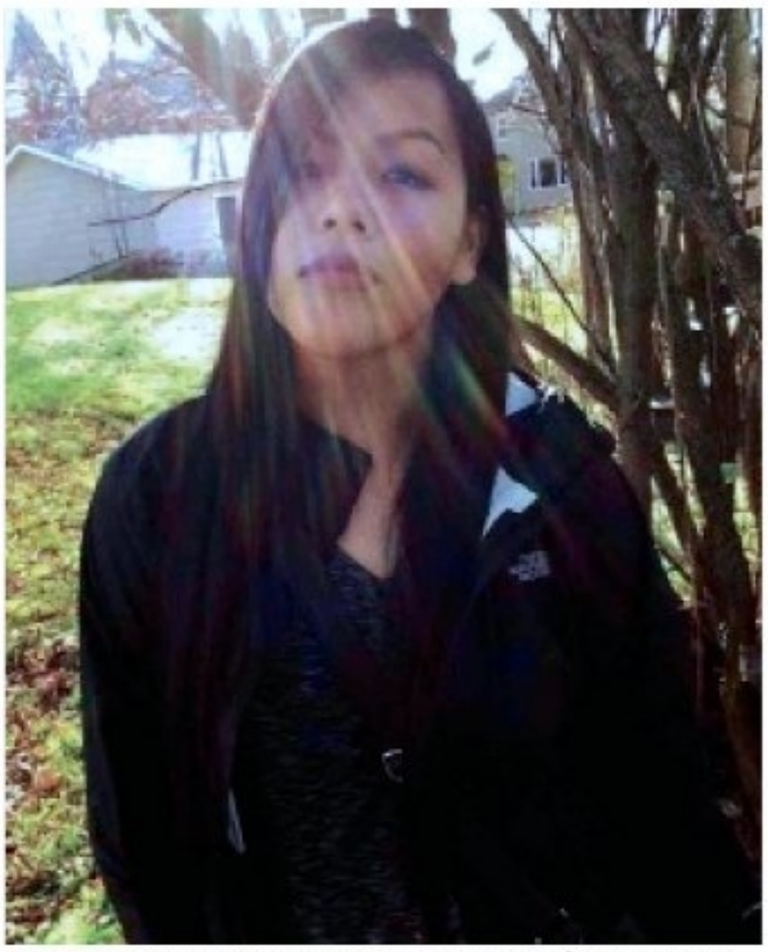

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CRIME

Teen charged following machete attack

Winnipeg police have arrested a 16-year-old boy after a man was threatened and attacked with a machete.

Police said the man, 21, and the teen met in Osborne Village near Confusion Corner earlier in March while the man was on his way home.

The teen, who the man didn't know, accused the victim of being in a rival street gang and chased him down. The victim managed to escape unharmed.

Police said the teen and the man ran into each other again on Wednesday night on Portage Avenue and Vaughn Street.

The teen approached the man and showed off a concealed machete.

The man texted a friend to come help him, and when the friend arrived in his car, the teen took a swipe at the man, missing him but damaging the vehicle, said police.

The teen then chased the man and assaulted him numerous times with the machete, said police.

The man was taken to hospital with "multiple serious injuries," said police, but is stable.

The teen was found on the 400 block of St. Mary Avenue downtown and arrested. The boy faces numerous charges, including attempted murder, assault with a weapon, mischief under $5,000 and two counts of possession of a weapon.

He remains in custody.

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CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Plays celebrate how that can be fun as well as frightening

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For Metro | Winnipeg

"Alligator pie, alligator pie. If I don't get some, I think I'm gonna die."

The first line of the beloved children's poem Alligator Pie by Canadian legend Dennis Lee will be kicking off one of seven productions coming this season to the Manitoba Theatre for Young People.

A mix of classic childhood storybooks — many that will evoke memories for adults, too — will come to life during MTYP's 2016-17 season.

They include Alligator Pie, Where the Wild Things Are and The Jungle Book

Artistic Director Pablo Felices-Luna said the upcoming season is going to be an exciting one.

"In putting together this season, one theme clearly emerged," said Felices-Luna. "We have many stories where a character goes into the wild, into the jungle, into the dark and comes out on the other side transformed."

"Sometimes the wild is scary, but it can also be exciting and full of joy," he added.

"This season is a reminder that life is full of both things."

The season opens Oct. 26 with Alligator Pie presented by Toronto's Soulpepper Theatre Company.

Subscriptions for MTYP's new season are now available.

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MTYP Artistic Director Pablo Felices-Luna and his two-year-old daughter Isabel are excited about the upcoming 2016-17 season.
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SHOW LINEUP

MTYP's 2016-17 Season:

- **Alligator Pie**
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- **Routes**
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- **The Jungle Book**
  Dec. 8 to Dec. 30
- **Dib and Dob and the Journey Home**
  Jan. 28 to Feb. 5, 2017
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Morneau backs plan

BUDGET

Finance chief defends plan to boost benefits in 12 regions

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Bill Morneau also said average payment to families from the new child benefit in the Liberal budget will be about $2,300 per child.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau defended the Liberal government's decision to boost employment insurance benefits for parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan while leaving some hard hit areas of the oil patch out of the budget plan.

Morneau said the government had to decide what areas across the country needed the most help with extra weeks of employment insurance benefits for jobless workers.

Left off that list were cities like Edmonton, and parts of Saskatchewan that Premier Brad Wall has said could also use the help.

Morneau told CTV's "Question Period" that the government picked 12 regions to help them "deal with what's been a significant change and a harder time for those people to get re-employed."

The dozen spots included Newfoundland and Labrador, parts of northern and southern Alberta, northern British Columbia, northern Manitoba, northern Ontario, northern Saskatchewan, Calgary, Sudbury, Ont., Saskatoon, Whitehorse and Nunvaut.

Those 12 regions had what Morneau described in the television interview as "sharp increases in unemployment that have been sustained."

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BLACK LIVES MATTER ACTIVISTS STAND TOGETHER The crowd watches the speakers at a Black Lives Matter rally at police headquarters in Toronto on Saturday. Black Lives Matter demonstrators had been camping outside the headquarters since March 20, partly in protest of the Special Investigations Unit's decision not to lay charges against a Toronto officer who fatally shot 45-year-old Sudanese immigrant Andrew Loku. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE/METRO

HISTORY

Titanic victims honoured

Members of an international ice patrol that formed as a result of the sinking of the Titanic will be in Halifax this week for a ceremony to commemorate the more than 1,500 people who died in the disaster.

United States Coast Guard Cmdr. Gabrielle McGrath says the memorial will recognize the long history of the International Ice Patrol, which was established after the Titanic struck an iceberg and sank in the Atlantic Ocean in April 1912.

"It's why we do what we do, so that's why we find it so important," said McGrath in a phone interview.

"It's very important to us to remember those people that perished and the fact that that's why we're here doing what we do and really making sure it never happens again."

The memorial will take place on Wednesday at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Halifax.

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CONSERVATION

Arctic permits may have expired

Environmentalists say talks on creating a third national marine conservation area are being held up over Arctic offshore energy exploration permits that may not legally exist.

"Looking at the permits, it looks like the rights expired in 1979," said Alex Speers-Roesch of Greenpeace.

The federal government has been trying for years to protect the waters of Lancaster Sound, the eastern gate of the Northwest Passage and home to a wealth of Arctic seabirds and mammals. The effort is strongly supported by local Inuit hunters and land claim groups.

But drawing the exact boundaries of the area, off the north coast of Nunavut's Baffin Island, has been at least partly held up over 30 exploration permits issued in the early 1970s to Shell.

Ottawa, under the previous Conservative administration, argued to keep the permits outside the area; Inuit and environmental groups wanted the protected area to include them and block industry activity. Shell wants compensation for any rights it loses.

But researchers have now found those permits may not be valid.

"Exploration rights are supposed to not last longer than nine years," said Speers-Roesch. "When we were looking at the existing exploration rights in the Arctic, the Shell permits stood out because they've been around for decades."

An Access to Information search found no evidence the permits had been renewed. Nor could Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, the responsible department.

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Directives given to spy agency kept largely secret

SECURITY

Civil liberties group protests CSIS's lack of transparency

The federal government has issued guidance to Canada's spy agency on using contentious new anti-terrorism laws — but most of the instructions won't be made public.

Many passages of the ministerial direction to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, issued last July, were withheld from release due to provisions of the Access to Information Act concerning security, internal deliberations and cabinet confidences.

The office of Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said ministerial offices are not involved in the processing of access requests, nor should they be.

But the federal decision to keep much of the ministerial direction under wraps did nothing to reassure those with concerns about C-51, the omnibus security bill that received royal assent early last summer.

> **One of our greatest concerns with C-51 is that CSIS has been given extraordinary new powers.**
> Josh Paterson, executive director of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association

The legislation gave CSIS the power to actively disrupt suspected terrorist plots, even allowing the spy service to take actions that breach the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as long as a judge approves.

"One of our greatest concerns with C-51 is that CSIS has been given extraordinary new powers, including the power to break the law and violate the Constitution," said Josh Paterson, executive director of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association.

"While some details need to remain secret, it's troubling that so much of the minister's high-level, general direction to CSIS on how the agency should interpret its new powers is blacked out. The government should be more transparent about the direction it is giving our spy agencies as to how they should be accountable."

While the public safety minister does not dictate day-to-day decisions by CSIS, he periodically issues written directions to the spy agency that broadly guide its actions.

The July direction combined and replaced two previous instructions, one on spy agency operations and another on accountability to the minister.

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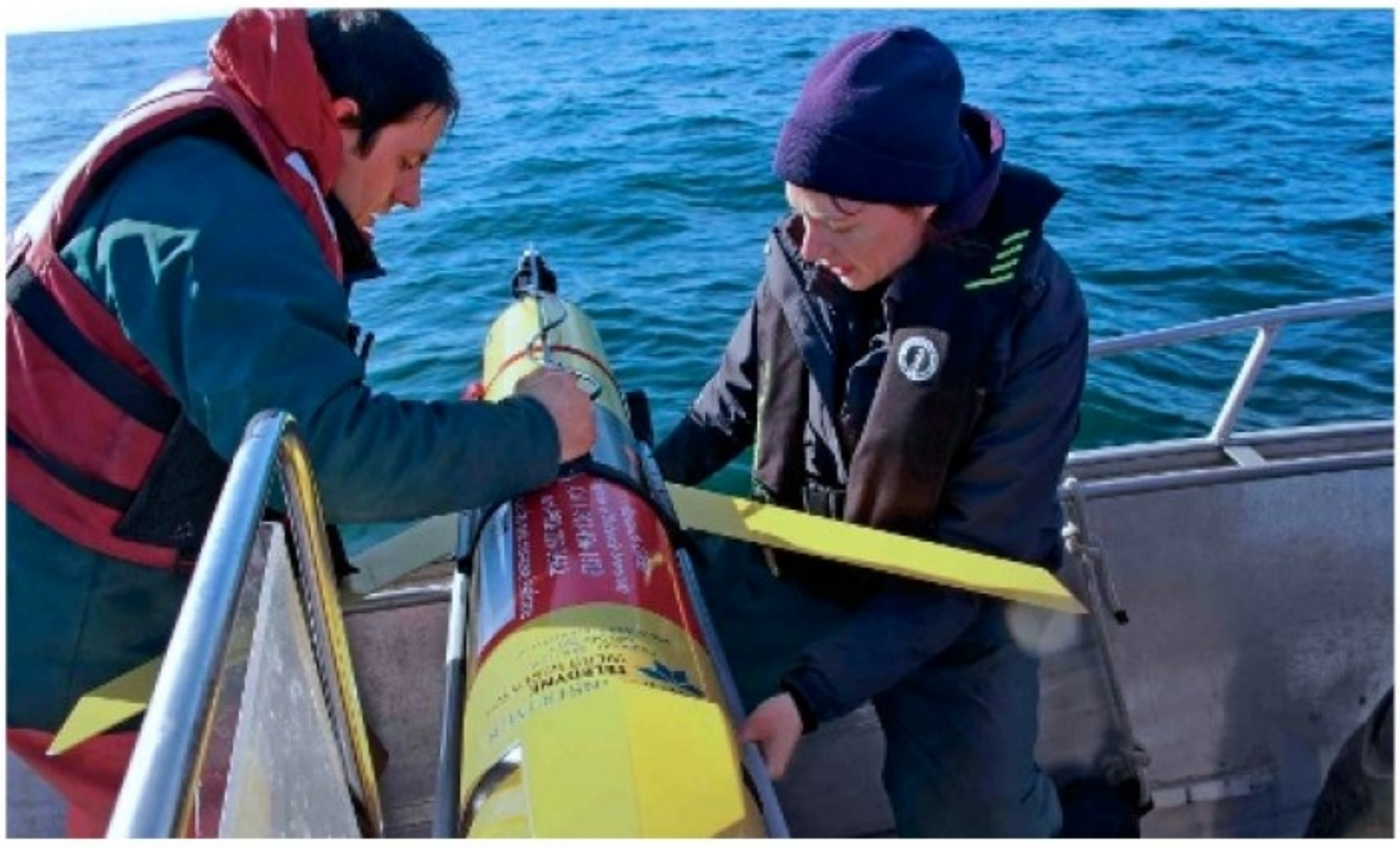

BIOLOGY GLIDER MAKES WAVES University of Victoria researchers hope to have a whale of a tale on their hands when their unmanned, subsea glider returns from the depths next month.

Geographer David Duffus and his team at UVic's Whale Research Lab launched a two-metre underwater drone off the western coast of Vancouver Island last week and sent it on a 23-day mission along the shelf break in Clayoquot Canyon to give scientists a rare glimpse into the behaviour and habitat of the region's whales.

"We really don't know much about the lives of whales," Duffus told Metro. "This will give us a snapshot of the animals, what they're feeding on and what their habitat is like. It's really poorly understood, especially further off the coast of B.C."

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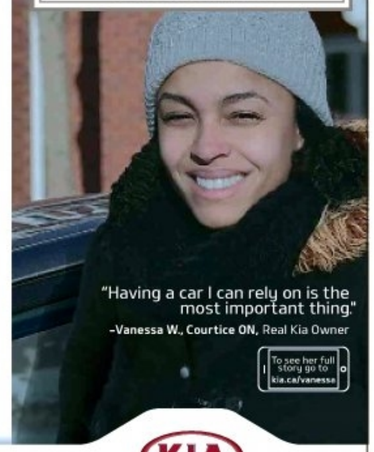
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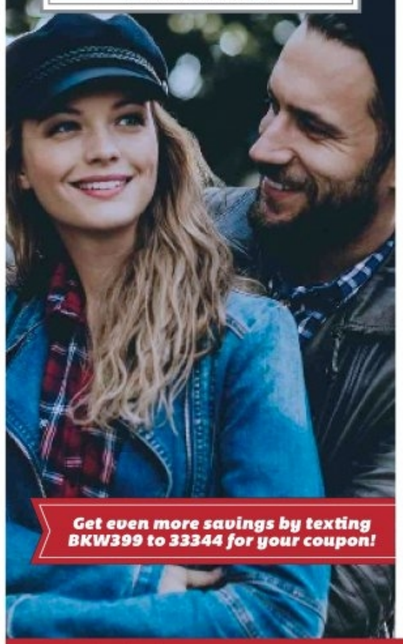

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Easter bombing kills 65

PAKISTAN

More than 300 injured in terrorist blast in Lahore park

A breakaway Pakistani faction of the militant Taliban group has claimed responsibility for an Easter Sunday bombing in a park in the eastern city of Lahore that killed 65 people.

Ahsanullah Ahsan, spokesman for Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, said a suicide bomber with the faction deliberately targeted the Christian community.

The explosion took place near the children's rides in Gulshan-e-Iqbal park — which was crowded with Christians celebrating Easter — local police chief Haider Ashraf said. He said the explosion appeared to have been a suicide bombing, but investigations were ongoing.

The attack killed 65 people and wounded more than 300, said Deeba Shahnaz, a spokesman for Lahore rescue administration.

Punjab's chief minister Shahbaz Sharif announced three days of mourning and pledged to bring the perpetrators to justice, said Zaeem Qadri, a spokesman for the provincial government.

The park was manned by police and private security guards, police chief Haider Ashraf said. ``We are in a warlike situation and there is always a general threat but no specific threat alert was received for this place,'' he added.

Schools and businesses in the city will remain closed on Monday, the city's schools association and the Union of Lahore Traders said.

1 A woman weeps for her injured family members as she tries to speak to security at a local hospital in Lahore, Pakistan.

2 Pakistani police officers and rescue workers gather at the site of bomb explosion in a park where Christians were celebrating Easter.

3 An man injured by a bomb blast talks on his cellphone at a local hospital.

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Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif held a meeting to assess the security situation in Lahore, according to a government statement. Pakistan's army chief, Gen. Raheel Sharif, also convened an emergency meeting of the country's intelligence agencies to begin to track down those responsible for the attacks, said army spokesman Gen. Asim Saleem Bajwa.

Salman Rafiq, a health adviser to the Punjab government, called on people to donate blood, saying that many of those wounded were in a critical condition.

One witness, who wished to be identified only by his first name, Afzal, said he had taken 20 children to hospital and carried three dead bodies to a police car.

"I can't explain to you the tragic situation," he said.

A witness, not identified by name on Pakistan's Geo TV station, said he was heading toward a fairground ride with his wife and two children when he heard a huge bang and all four of them were thrown to the floor. A woman was shown crying while looking desperately for her missing five-year-old son.

A spokesman for the U.S. National Security Council said that the United States "condemns the attack in the strongest terms," describing it as a "cowardly act in what has long been a scenic and placid park."

Ned Price said the U.S. would continue to work with Pakistan and its partners to "root out the scourge of terrorism."

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau also condemned the attack, tweeting that it was a "deplorable" act and offering his thoughts and prayers to the victims and their families.

Vikas Swarup, spokesman for India's External Affairs ministry, tweeted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi telephoned Pakistani premier Nawaz Sharif to express his deep condolences. He said Modi "underlined the need for uncompromising efforts to fight against terrorism."

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> Police Chief Haider Ashraf

BELGIUM

Uneasy mood in Brussels

Belgian riot police clashed Sunday with hundreds of right-wing hooligans at a temporary shrine honouring victims of the Brussels suicide bombings, as investigators launched fresh anti-terror raids, taking four more people into custody.

Police used water cannons when scuffles broke out in front of the Bourse, which has become a symbolic rallying point for people to pay their respects to those who died in Tuesday's attacks. Black clad men carrying an anti-Islamic State group banner with an expletive on it trampled parts of the shrine, shouting Nazi slogans. Ten were arrested and two police officers injured.

"We had 340 hooligans from different football clubs who came to Brussels and we knew for sure that they would create some trouble," Police Commissioner Christian De Coninck said. "It was a very difficult police operation because lots of families with kids were here."

Federal prosecutors, meanwhile, said Sunday morning's raids were linked to a "federal case regarding terrorism" but didn't specify whether it was the March 22 attacks.

Thirteen raids were launched in the capital and the northern cities of Mechelen and Duffel. An investigating judge was to decide later whether to keep the four in custody. Five were released after questioning.

Suspected plotters also were arrested Sunday in Italy and the Netherlands, though few details of their activity were released immediately.

Tuesday's bomb attacks are also tearing at the fabric of the government, justice system and police, and Belgium's interior minister sought Sunday to contain the growing criticism of the government's handling of the tragedy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Women face uphill battle

ESPORTS

Commentator says females are not taken seriously

Jennifer Pichette of Sudbury, a professional commentator for eSports, typically commentates on the Call of Duty series of video games. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jennifer Pichette has been playing video games since she was a kid. That's not unusual.

Like some people with a lifelong love of video games, she started playing professional tournaments. That's not unusual either.

Then she realized she liked commentating better than playing professionally, and started commentating online tournaments. Still not unusual.

But Jennifer Pichette is a woman, and in the worlds of professional video game playing and commentating, that is unusual, often to the detriment of the woman trying to make it in a burgeoning industry.

"Females aren't taken seriously," said Pichette, a Sudbury-based Masters of Medical Microbiology student at Laurentian University and commentator who is known online as LemonKiwi.

"It's just hard for a female gamer to come on the rise, and possibly even be professional."

Though eSports have been around since the early 1990s, the rise in popularity in the past few years has helped the once niche hobby turn into a lucrative sport competing for the mainstream.

With the jump into mainstream come some growing pains, though. Studies have shown more than half of all gamers are women, but they're still under-represented in eSports and commentating.

Pichette has experienced this first-hand. Being a female "caster" is still seen as an exception rather than the norm — and the problem is worse for players, she said.

Men will exclude women from teams, citing a lack of professional experience, but Pichette said it usually has more to do with gender than experience.

The problem extends to casting. When Pichette comes on a stream, her mostly male audience isn't expecting a woman to be their caster, and when they find she is, it leads to mixed results. "When they hear a female voice, they're kind of thrown off. It's sometimes not as well accepted," she said. Comments on her streams will suddenly shift from talking about the game to about how a woman is casting.

The opportunities have been steady for Pichette. She'll be hosting a Call of Duty tournament at the Enthusiast Gaming Live Expo, taking place April 29 to May 1 in Toronto.

Pichette still wants more women to have opportunities in gaming. She's started an all-female professional Call of Duty league, in the hopes that a safer space will encourage more women to consider playing professional eSports.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Uber protests airport's plan to fingerprint drivers

Uber has objected to Atlanta airport's plan to use fingerprints to check criminal records of its drivers, saying its own record checks are sufficient. Uber has agreements with more than 50 U.S. airports, none of which require fingerprint-based background checks. But New York City does fingerprint drivers.

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Deal reached to raise California minimum wage

California legislators and labour unions have reached a tentative agreement that will take the state's minimum wage from $10 US to $15 US an hour, a state senator said, a move that would make for the largest statewide minimum in the U.S. by far. At $10 an hour, California already has one of the highest minimum wages in the nation along with Massachusetts. Only Washington, D.C., at $10.50 per hour is higher.

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Precarious work, often associated with service-sector jobs, is spreading to jobs that were once considered realms of stable employment with benefits and pensions to boot.

"This type of employment has increasingly become the norm," said Wayne Lewchuk, a McMaster University economics and labour studies professor, who co-authored a recent report on the impact of precarious work.

More than 40 per cent of people employed in the knowledge or creative sectors are in precarious or vulnerable work, according to the report. More than one quarter of precarious jobs require a university degree.

"They're basically trapped in entry-level jobs," said Maureen O'Reilly, a librarian and president of the Toronto Public Library Workers Union.

Maureen O'Reilly, a librarian and president of the Toronto Public Library Workers Union. THE CANADIAN PRESS

40%

The percentage of people employed in the knowledge or creative sectors who are in precarious or vulnerable jobs

The average wait time for someone to be hired as a full-time librarian with the Toronto Public Library is a decade — and that's for applicants who already have a foot in the door working other jobs at the library.

Universities, media organizations, hospitals and governments have also increasingly moved toward more precarious contract employment, Lewchuk said. This new normal is hurting the businesses and employees alike, he said.

Corporations that don't commit to their employees can expect similar loyalty from their workforce, he said, resulting in higher labour turnover.

In the long run, the company is likely to have less skilled workers that will make positions higher on the corporate ladder difficult to fill.

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ON BEING A WOMAN IN COURT WITH GHOMESHI

Judge Horkins saw fit to underline the existence of false sexual assault allegations. It was an outrageous and unnecessary 31 words, especially after he earlier reiterated that the person charged with a crime gets the benefit of the doubt.

I doubt a single journalist walked into the Jian Ghomeshi sexual assault trial that first day of February suspicious of the heart of the allegations, or the three women behind them.

And I doubt even one walked out more than a month later doubting an acquittal was right.

But it was nevertheless excruciating to be a woman, sitting in the gallery watching the scandal diminish into thin testimony, easily batted away by the judge in his not-guilty verdict.

Even for those following every moment on Twitter, it was not the same as being in that room, seeing women's expressions, catching their glances, watching their faces as the witnesses described assault.

After Lucy DeCoutere's chief testimony, where she described being a people-pleaser who didn't want to upset Ghomeshi after the alleged assault, one woman reporter told me she cried listening to her account. "Of course!" the reporter said: Any woman could relate to that impulse.

But as the trial went on, sympathy and sisterhood was replaced at times with irritation, and bewilderment.

It only took Marie Henein, Ghomeshi's lawyer, one kick at the first witness for us to see that this was not going to be the trial we expected. Press coverage had created the mirage of a credible legal case against Ghomeshi, but the closer we got to the evidence, the more that credibility evaporated. After all the allegations of abuse, the months of stories, the investigations, the national conversation about sexual violence in this country: This was not going to be the comeuppance of a powerful man who hurt women, or, by proxy, a defeat of sexism itself. Instead, the trial became a microcosm of how women are coping with the status quo.

I saw in the protesters resilience, power and even righteousness.

SURVIVOR SOLIDARITY Protesters denouncing the Ghomeshi verdict have grown to a critical mass that could advance justice for sexual assault victims, Rosemary Westwood writes — but ingrained sexism remains an obstacle. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Silent and mostly unnoticed in the front row throughout the trial sat Ghomeshi's mother and sister. Where others saw symbolism in the case, to the family it was "deeply personal," said Jian's sister, Jila.

Then there was Marie Henein and Danielle Robitaille, her protégé, as much the faces of the trial as DeCoutere. Both lawyers cut formidable figures in slick suits and "killer heels," a visual display of their fierce skills, as Anne Kingston of Maclean's would note.

To the National Post's Christie Blatchford, Henein and Robitaille became a kind of harbour in the storm, two women "so clearly not seeking favour" from other women that Blatchford deemed them a "comfort."

They stood opposed to female activists, who Blatchford and the Star's Rosie DiManno both seemed to suggest would sooner turn the court into a psychiatrist's couch then give women their due credit for being able to weather tough questions. To Blatchford, covering the trial "was akin to being a member, by virtue of gender alone, of an over-delicate, slightly feeble-minded citizenry in need of perpetual deference and protection both."

I understand her concern, but I also saw in the protesters, especially the hundreds of mostly women outside the court the night of the verdict, resilience, power and even righteousness.

I watched a group of women carrying signs hurry in the falling dark toward the crowd.

"Have a great protest!" I yelled, stupidly, wanting to join them.

They gathered for speeches and then a march to Toronto Police headquarters chanting what's becoming a slogan for the whole ordeal: "We believe survivors!"

One young woman told me the trial had ended any hope she had in the justice system, but she would commit herself to advocacy and support work instead.

Some were marching against the acquittal itself. But I saw them also as a mass coalescing against the stalemate in justice for sexual violence.

There is hope for future reform.

But there is also the much murkier world of ingrained sexism, the kind that, despite Justice William B. Horkins's mostly harsh but fair ruling, stained his judgment in two unforgivable ways.

First, Horkins called into question the women's post-assault behaviour, which he said shouldn't be governed by stereotypes, but then went ahead and called "odd" anyway.

Second, and most egregiously, Horkins saw fit to underline the existence of false sexual assault allegations, and state this: "The twists and turns of the complainants' evidence in this trial, illustrate the need to be vigilant in avoiding the equally dangerous false assumption that sexual assault complainants are always truthful."

It was an outrageous and unnecessary 31 words, especially after he took time at the beginning to reiterate that people charged with a crime, in every case, are the ones who get the benefit of the doubt.

As I walked home that day, the adrenalin wore off and the sadness sank in. Sadness for Ghomeshi's family, who clearly love him. Sadness for the witnesses. For the protesters. For all sexual assault victims.

I walked through my apartment door, and cried. Of course. What else is a woman to do?

A leader who believes in "the media" bogeyman? Scary!

INSIDE THE PERIMETER

Shannon VanRaes

It's a phrase I hear far too often — "the media."

Of course the people who love to espouse those two words aren't big on definitions. Is it print media? Bloggers or filmmakers? Maybe the people or shareholders who own these publications? It's rarely made apparent.

What people are implying when they refer to "the media" is much more clear.

They are usually alleging that people engaged in reportage are inherently biased, easily influenced and have colluded to promote an agenda.

Manitoba Liberal leader Rana Bokhari drew on that tired trope when she told a man seeking help accessing mental health services in December that "mainstream media" was so latched onto the teat of government advertising it could not be trusted to cover news stories critical of the current NDP government.

While unaware that her remarks were being recorded, Bokhari stood by her assertions last Wednesday. A lawyer by trade, one might assume that Bokhari would have some evidence to back her claim up — but one would be wrong.

Bokhari did not provide specific examples when asked. Rather she told the Canadian Press that she thinks "It's common knowledge that people believe that that's the way the system works."

Wow.

That someone vying to be premier believes "mainstream media" can be so easily bought is concerning. It makes me question what Bokhari's strategy in dealing with journalists will be if she is elected — or if she is defeated.

It should go without saying that journalists have not held back in their criticism of the current NDP government, or of the political candidates whose parties have bought election advertising.

That's not to say journalists, who are human, are impervious to influence or the pressures of dwindling resources that require them to do more work in less time.

The way news is gathered is changing, that is true, but those facts don't translate into a abandonment of journalistic ethics, where all that's required for politicians to avoid direct scrutiny is to buy advertisements.

Bokhari qualified her statement by saying she didn't believe giving positive coverage to governments that purchase ads "as a negative thing." She said it wasn't a matter of ethics among reporters — it was just a matter of how business is done.

That leaves me trying to decide if it's more disturbing that a leader believes this is how publications and broadcasters operate, or that she doesn't see a problem with it.

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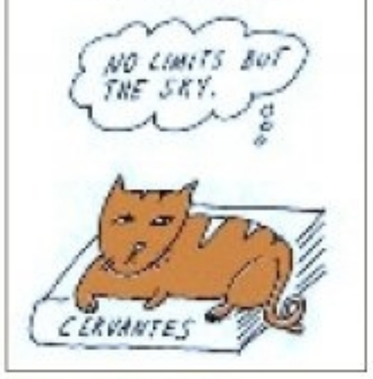

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Batman v Superman shrugs off bad reviews, opens to $170M

Will Annick and Yolanda's financial goals be met? **Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie** has only a few weeks left to get Yolanda sticking to a budget and improving her cash flow.

Yolanda benefits from a buffer

LESLEY-ANNE SCORGIE
metromoney

THE CHALLENGE: Two young women have committed to transforming their financial lives in just 12 weeks with Metro's Money Makeover and finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie. Yolanda, 27, from Mississauga, is rapidly saving a down payment while Annick, 24, from Calgary, is crushing her consumer debt. With only three weeks to go, the big question is whether these ambitious women will achieve their financial targets.

THIS WEEK: Yolanda has planned a move and a trip to Montreal. Find out why, for once in her adult financial life, she doesn't have the heebie-jeebies about these upcoming expenses.

NEXT WEEK: Annick files her tax return and is surprised by the result. Has working with a tax professional been worth it?

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THE SITUATION

Yolanda has two expensive months ahead — $500 for movers, a truck and packing boxes as she moves back in with her mother in April plus another $500 for a fun trip to Montreal in early May.

Obviously the first is a need and the latter is a want — one that I believe is well deserved given her financial progress to date. When I grilled Yolanda on her plan to pay for these one-off expenses, she confidently responded.

"When I stare at my budget I am happy. The numbers don't lie. I know I can afford these upcoming expenses. But, I will have to reduce what I spend on other things like meals and entertainment for a few months," she told me. "I'm making a financial trade-off and I therefore don't feel guilty."

Included in her plan is an expectation that she'll receive a healthy tax refund of a few thousand dollars during the month of April. Certainly Yolanda will benefit from powerful charitable tax credits from her regular giving and also a tax deduction from her 2015 RRSP contributions.

But, history isn't always indicative of the future. What if Yolanda's tax refund is slim-to-none, or worse yet, she has to pay the government? Besides cutting back on her discretionary spending, she'll also have drain her "buffer" account that she's worked incredibly hard to build up. And that's the point of a financial "buffer."

NET WORTH

Assets	
TFSA	1,000
RRSP	1,100
Savings	175
Pension	4,700
Total Assets	**$6,975**
Liabilities	
VISA	0
Master Card	0
Total Liabilities	**$0**
Net worth	**$6,975**

THE LESSON

Naturally most 20-somethings plan their finances optimistically: a tax refund will always be there; a raise is around the corner; a house, car or other big-ticket purchase will cost less than originally thought.

And dangerously, that a financial emergency, such as job loss, simply won't happen.

But, life deals a harsh hand at times and, in fact, the average Canadian experiences a financial gut-punch twice each decade.

When I lived with my grandmother during university she ingrained in my head that at all times I needed immediate access to a minimum of $1,000 to get out of a financial pinch.

She was right. I used that fund three times for burst pipes, a quick move and a hefty car repair bill — all before reaching age 25.

I cannot stress how important it is for every modern young person to build-up a financial buffer.

As a rule of thumb, if you've got credit-card debt, your buffer should be up to $1,000. If not, grow your buffer to the equivalent of three months' salary.

Gone are the days when Yolanda would raid her RRSPs and TFSAs to pay for minor emergencies, trips and vet bills.

Amongst many other valuable financial skills such as sticking to a budget and spreading out her expenses more evenly throughout the month (easier on her cash flow), Yolanda has learned that planning for the financial worst and hoping for the best reduces stress and squashes financial guilt.

Yolanda isn't letting some one-off expenses get her down this month because her budget can handle it. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

MONEY

Creating an illusion of wealth will not make you happy

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

I have met a lot of people who spend as if they're wealthy.

Without savings, an emergency fund or a debt-free balance sheet, they drive fancy cars, eat out three nights a week and have all the newest toys.

These are people who spend money creating an illusion to fool... who? Themselves? Their friends? People they don't even really know?

Folks drop big bucks on kitchen renovations. It's a very pretty kitchen. And when friends come over they comment on the beautiful cabinets, gorgeous appliances and granite countertops.

Then the I-Wish-I-Were-Wealthy people bask in all that admiration.

The thing their visitors don't know is that at night they toss and turn trying to figure out which minimum payment they'll make this week.

People dress UP. People drive UP. People live UP.

It's not really their own standards they're living or driving or dressing up to — it's the new standards that have been created by living in a world where we can look in at the rich and famous and want what they have.

If you aren't satisfied with the life you can afford — if you aren't living within your own means — ask yourself what it is this illusion of wealth you're striving for gives you.

Are you striving for oohs and ahhs? Are you trying to make others jealous? If you are compromising your financial well-being to build an illusion of wealth on sand that will eventually shift, how will you feel when people come to know your truth?

I've heard people say things like, "I'd never buy anything off-brand," or "I have to take a cruise every year for my sanity," or "Kill me dead if you ever see me in those shoes!" Seriously?

I have expensive tastes. But never, ever in my life have I let my wants come before my needs. And I'm not just talking about present needs; I won't let my wants come before my future needs either. And I certainly won't let the wants other people have drive me to spend money on stuff.

It may be that the illusion of wealth is most important to those who have a sense they are always beings judged. It's sad that people feel this way.

But folks, it's a thought! You think you're being judged. You have the ability to replace that thought with this one: I don't need the illusion of wealth because I am wealthy. I don't mean Rockefeller wealthy, I mean rock-solid-foundation wealthy.

Most of the things that make us happy with our lives don't cost money.

And many of the things in our lives that do cost money don't carry really big price tags.

It is not until we inflate our sense of entitlement, or seek to create the illusion of wealth to impress, that we get into trouble spending more than we have.

Today, move from the idea of illusion to a commitment to reality. Make your life purposeful and worthwhile. Stop spending money you don't have to buy things you don't need to impress people who don't matter.

For more money advice, visit Gail's website at gailvazoxlade.com

How to make a superhero mashup

SUPERGIRL

There are a few things needed when executing a crossover

The Flash is darting away from his own show to join the cast of Supergirl on Monday. CONTRIBUTED

Look, up in the sky! It's a bird, it's a plane, it's every single comic book superhero ever created comin' atcha!

Hot on the heels of Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice comes television's latest comic book crossover. On tonight's Supergirl (CBS and Global at 8 p.m.), The Flash's Grant Gustin darts away from his own show and teams with Melissa Benoist for an episode titled World's Finest.

The common denominator in this clash of DC Comics titans is executive producer Greg Berlanti. The busy showrunner is considered a show business superhero, juggling six series at once. Most are comic book fantasies, with Arrow and DC's Legends of Tomorrow also produced under his watch.

Still, not everybody can make a crossover episode work. Here are four things Berlanti and his co-executive producers needed to make Monday's episode happen.

Super accommodating stars

Benoist, 27, is still in her rookie season and was all smiles in January as she and other cast members spoke with reporters at their Los Angeles studio.

"People were ready to see a strong female heroine," she says, adding how humbled she is "every time a little girl comes on set" and sees her in that familiar red, yellow and blue costume.

The Texan is on her home court for the crossover. Gustin, on the other hand, had to fly to L.A. from Vancouver where he already puts in 12- to 14-hour days. "Logistically it's almost impossible," Gustin said earlier this year on the Vancouver set of his series. He says the effects-heavy series is tough enough to complete on a TV schedule.

Super proximity

Crossovers between The Flash and Arrow and even DC's Legends of Tomorrow are made easier by the fact that all three shows are on neighbouring soundstages in Vancouver. The same is true of Chicago-based Dick Wolf dramas Chicago Fire, Chicago PD and Chicago Med. The Supergirl/Flash crossover was trickier because of Gustin's travel, but at least Vancouver and L.A. are in the same time zone.

Super storyline

On Monday's show, Flash visits an alternative Earth and helps Supergirl out of her recent funk by taking on two bad girls: Livewire (Brit Morgan) and Siobhan Smythe, now the Silver Banshee (Richmond Hill's Italia Ricci). The latter has a sonic scream that can crack concrete.

Super synergy

While Supergirl is on CBS and The Flash is on the CW, this crossover is still all in the family. Both shows are produced by Warner Bros. Television and DC Entertainment. The CW is jointly owned by Warner Bros. and CBS. Berlanti always saw crossover potential.

New CBS programming boss Glenn Geller saw it too and, faster than a speeding bullet, a crossover was ordered.

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THE CANUCKS

Canadian crossovers

Here are two more Canadian crossovers in TV's comic book world:

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Stephen Amell (Oliver Queen/Arrow on Arrow): The 34-year-old Toronto native will soon star as Casey Jones in Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows.

Laura Vandervoort (Indigo/Brainiac 8 on Supergirl): Before headlining Bitten, the Toronto native played Supergirl on the CW series Smallville.

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Laura Vandervoort. HANDOUT

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Shandling was a master of unmasking

THE SHOW: The Larry Sanders Show, Episode 89 (YouTube)
THE MOMENT: Jim Carrey's farewell

Garry Shandling as Larry Sanders. CONTRIBUTED

On his last night as a talk show host, Larry Sanders (Garry Shandling) introduces Jim Carrey, who makes a hammy entrance to huge applause. "You'd think it was your last night," Sanders says, with a (clearly pained) smile.

"Just when I thought everything was solid in my life, you decide to go," Carrey says. "You know I can't get it up? Ever since the announcement I've been flaccid."

Carrey launches into the ballad And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going, from Dreamgirls; he leaps on Shandling's desk, hugs him. Until they go to commercial.

"Let's cut the crap," Carrey snarls. "What are you gonna do now, movies? I'll crush you."

"Are you doing a bit?" Shandling asks nervously.

"We're off the air, Larry," Carrey says. "This is real life now."

When Shandling died last Thursday at age 66, Twitter exploded with RIP's from comedians (Jimmy Kimmel, Seth MacFarlane, Albert Brooks, Ricky Gervais), praising him for popularizing and perfecting so many current comedy trends: behind-the-scenes exposés; a deadpan, laugh-track-free tone; takes that linger on uncomfortable moments; celebrities playing nasty versions of themselves.

His show established HBO as a go-to source of cutting-edge humour, and launched a raft of talent including Bob Odenkirk and Jeffrey Tambor (who are still pushing the envelope on their respective current series Better Call Saul and Transparent).

Shandling wasn't the first person to unmask Hollywood as a snakepit of insincere egomaniacs hiding their desperation under their tooth veneers, and he won't be the last.

But to date, he did it the best.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Cub Jason Heyward was forced to climb the outfield fence as a swarm of bees invaded Sunday's Chicago-Seattle game

IN BRIEF

Hutchison's lucky escape
Blue Jays pitcher Drew Hutchison escaped injury Sunday when he was struck in the back of the head by catcher A.J. Jimenez's throw to second base on an attempted stolen base during the fifth inning of a 7-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

The Toronto right-hander high-fived teammates and remained on the bench for a while after being removed from the game. He later described the scary moment as just "one of those weird things that happened."
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Rask stays hot for 'Canes
Victor Rask scored twice for the first multigoal game of his career, and the Carolina Hurricanes beat the New Jersey Devils 3-2 on Sunday.

Rask, who has scored in three straight games, ended the Hurricanes' skid of six consecutive games without a power-play goal when he connected in the first period. He scored his 20th of the season early in the second to make it 3-0.
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Stunner for young guns
Marco Bustos's second-half goal proved to be the winner as Canada's under-20 men's soccer team stunned hosts England 2-1 in an exhibition game Sunday. Kadin Chung opened the scoring for Canada just 14 minutes into the first half.
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Canada looking for their Olympic spirit

HOCKEY

Women eager to now mirror dominance of U.S. at worlds

Canada goaltender Emerance Maschmeyer stops Sweden's Olivia Carlsson in the first period of a pre-tournament tune-up game in Kamloops Saturday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Canadian women's hockey team has beaten the U.S. for gold in four straight Olympic Games. Why can't they do the same at world championships lately?

"That's a good question. We've got a week to figure out how," Canadian forward Hayley Wickenheiser said.

The U.S. downed Canada to win five of the last six world titles, so they are subject to the reverse question. Why world titles and not Olympic gold?

"We get that question a lot to be honest," U.S. captain Meghan Duggan said. "You look at the last handful of world championships. I think we've won the last five out of six and we all know how the Olympics have gone."

The North American rivals open the 2016 women's world championship Monday against each other in a preliminary-round game in Kamloops, B.C.

While Finland, Russia and Switzerland have closed the gap somewhat on the frontrunners in women's international hockey, odds are on Canada and the U.S. meeting again for gold April 4 for a 17th time. Sweden, Japan and the Czech Republic round out the field.

After winning the first eight women's world championships, Canada has won just twice - in 2007 and 2012 - over the last eight.

"I don't think there's a reason why we've won Olympics and not worlds," Wickenheiser said. "I have no answer for that.

"These tournaments come down to one game. It's performance on demand. It comes down to bringing your best game when it matters the most, consistency and rising to the occasion. I do believe our team has the ability to rise to the occasion."

The U.S. is a quicker team than Canada and boasts a superior power play with a 30 per cent success rate. They scored three power-play goals en route to gold in last year's championship game.

> **We're a team capable of playing fast, a team capable of controlling the game.**
> Canada women's coach Laura Schuler

In an Olympic year, Canada plays a full schedule of games against males in the Alberta midget triple-A league, which makes them more battle-ready for that Olympic final.

Canada is a more seasoned group than a year ago in Malmo, where 10 players made their championship debut.

Seven of them are in the lineup again in Kamloops, but the return of forwards Wickenheiser and Meghan Agosta, defenceman Meaghan Mikkelson and goaltender Charline Labonte injects extra big-game experience into this year's squad.
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NHL

Accuracy is the aim for Kadri

Nazem Kadri has become one of the NHL's highest-volume shooters, only with some of the worst results this season.

The Toronto forward has scored once for every 17 shots, the second-least effective mark among forwards with at least 200 shots. Maple Leafs' coach Mike Babcock has been prodding the 25-year-old to work on his shot, something he's been doing in recent weeks alongside members of the team's skill development staff.

He's trying to tweak the mechanics of a shot that's generated 14 goals on 243 attempts.

"I'm comfortable shooting in one stance," he said in a recent interview. "That's just how I've done it for my whole career.

"But the mechanics of shooting is being deceptive and shooting off both feet so you don't telegraph your shot as much so when you go to shoot the puck everyone in the building doesn't know you're shooting it."

Increased deception is Kadri's primary goal in shooting more effectively. He also wants to lean into his stick a little more, get more bend and thus more snap on the shot.

"You can do a lot," Babcock said. "But it's not going to be because someone came here and worked three days with you. It's going to be because you hire someone in the summer, you make a commitment to getting stronger and you work at it in the off-season. No different than a basketball player would." THE CANADIAN PRESS

CURLING

Carey crew crushed as bronze slips away

Russia's Anna Sidorova edged Canada's Chelsea Carey 9-8 to capture the bronze medal Sunday at the women's curling world championship. The loss effectively puts Carey's Calgary-based rink of Amy Nixon, lead Laine Peters and second Jocelyn Peterman back to square one for Olympic qualifying.

Nixon, who won bronze at the 2006 Turin Games, was heartbroken after watching an Olympic qualifying berth slip through her fingers.

"I'm not going to lie, I'm gutted. I'm gutted," said Nixon as tears streamed down her face. "One of the hardest losses of my career, personally.

"I just feel like this was maybe my chance."

Switzerland's Binia Feltscher defeated Japan's Satsuki Fujisawa 9-6 in the gold-medal final Sunday. The Swiss have won three consecutive world titles.
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ROWING THAT SINKING FEELING The Cambridge women's crew, including Calgary's Ashton Brown, struggle to stay afloat after taking on a lot of water in the annual Boat Race on the Thames in London Sunday. Fellow Canadian Emma Lukasiewicz helped Oxford triumph. RICHARD HEATHCOTE/GETTY IMAGES

GOLF

Dominant Day hits No. 1 spot in style

Jason Day made his return to No. 1 in the world feel even sweeter Sunday by winning the Dell Match Play.

Day outlasted Rory McIlroy in an epic battle in the morning semifinals by making a 12-foot par putt on the 18th hole. The championship match against Louis Oosthuizen turned into a victory lap at Austin Country Club.

And to think Day thought about pulling out Thursday morning when his back seized up on him. Three days later, he looked better than ever.

"It's been a memorable week, not only to win the Dell Match Play but to get back to No. 1 in the world," Day said.

Day pulled ahead with a 10-foot birdie putt on the par-3 fourth hole, stretched his lead to 3 up at the turn and was relentless with his power and short game the rest of the way.
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RECIPE Pancake Tacos

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Why shouldn't two of your favourite dishes live happily on one plate?

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- 2 cups spelt flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 Tbsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp grated nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- butter for pan
- Filling: Nutella, sliced fruit like bananas, strawberries, apples, Greek yogurt, honey, syrup, peanut butter, almonds, walnuts, coconut, etc.

Directions

1. In a large bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. In a medium size bowl, whisk milk, butter milk, egg, and vanilla extract. Combine wet ingredients into flour mixture and stir until just combined. Let rest in refrigerator.

2. Place a large skillet over medium heat and allow to warm. Remove batter from the refrigerator. Add a tablespoon of butter to skillet and let melt. Working in batches, ladle batter into skillet and cook until bubbles appear on surface. Flip and cook another minute or two. Remove from skillet. Repeat until you've used all the batter.

3. Place pancakes and fillings on the table and allow people to build their own.

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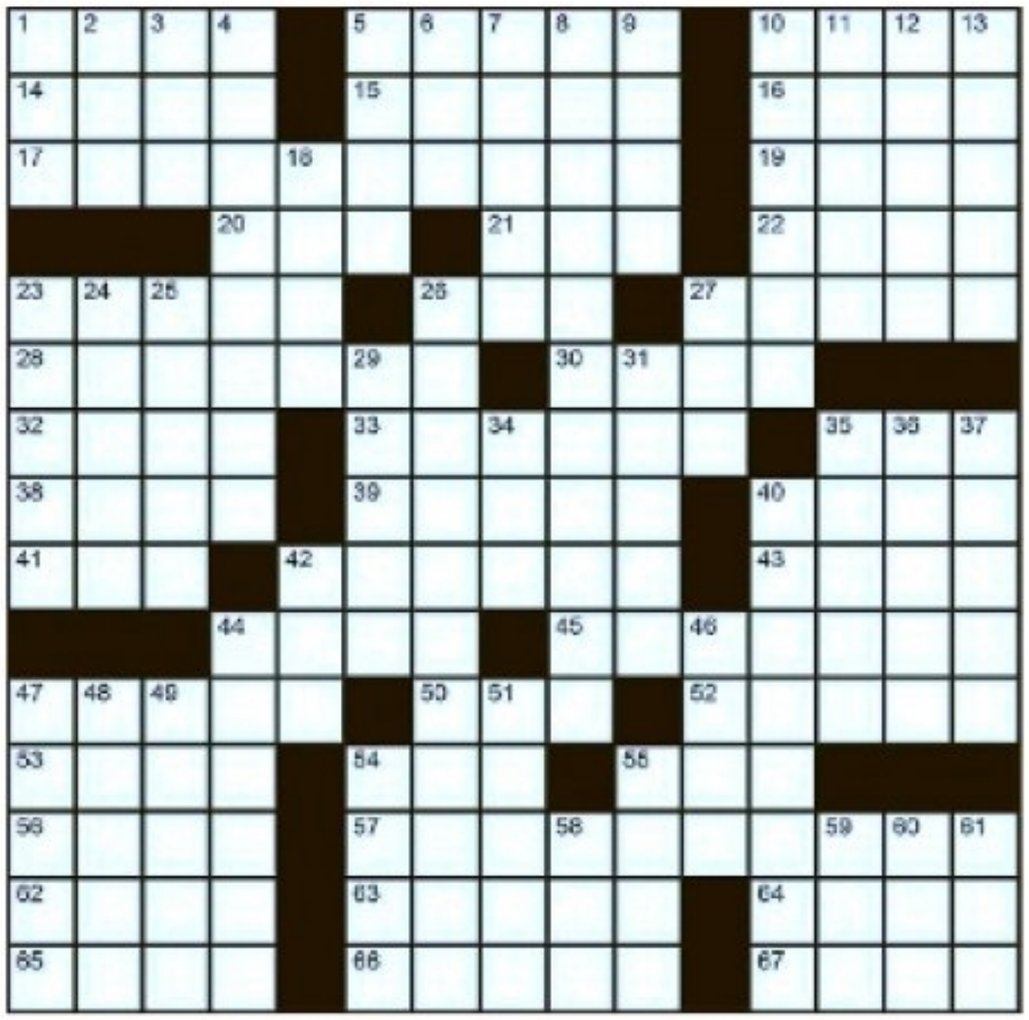

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1. Yesterday: French
5. Choreography components
10. Gilda Radner character, __ Wawa
14. Ancient outfit
15. The Vatican's governing body
16. Mongolia's capital, __ Bator
17. The __ Saddledome
19. Take a chance
20. Philosophy
21. __-hee! (Haha!)
22. Dog's wagger
23. Thread holder
26. "__ Air" (1997)
27. Search party in a Western
28. Mutant in "X-Men: Days of Future Past" (2014)
30. Tiger Woods' ex-wife
32. Nautical side
33. Actress Kirstie, and surnamesakes
35. Decline
38. Do some gardening
39. West Yorkshire city in England
40. "__ be okay."
41. Li'l time segments
42. Grapefruit-like fruit
43. Illusionist, archaically
44. Soaps actress Ms. Sofer
45. __ Fields (Heavenly abode in Greek mythology)
47. Mumbai's country
50. Headshakes meanings
52. Property measures
53. "Disco Duck" singer Rick
54. Reverend Scott's portrayer in "The Poseidon Adventure" (1972) ...his initials-sharers
55. Forensic 'fingerprint'
56. Eagle of the sea, variantly
57. Directed backwards
62. Hertz competitor
63. Space stranger
64. Organic compound
65. Tick-borne sickness, __ Disease
66. Skate part
67. Faux-hued hair

DOWN
1. Elevs.
2. Winter/Summer games org.
3. __ trip
4. Like short-in-supply food
5. Swindle
6. Cause supporter, __-thumper
7. Greek Myth: Muse of love poetry
8. Some of the 'leaves' in a coniferous forest: 2 wds.
9. Interest
10. Music Hall of Fame inductee Mr. Cummings
11. Handle
12. Underlying component
13. Summery jewellery, __ bracelet
18. __ of Wight (1970 rock festival)
23. Chart-topper in music
24. Less blushful
25. Moulding styles
26. "2 Heads" singer from Thunder Bay: 2 wds.
27. Sleuths, e.g.
29. Bird's prey clasper
31. Disinfecting product
34. Kathie Gifford connector
35. Flight segment
36. Pond buildup
37. Valley varieties
40. Song by #10-Down that goes "Never been much on religion...": 2 wds.
42. __ coat
44. Where #17-Across is located in Calgary, 555 Saddledome ___
46. Dr. Cristina __ (Sandra Oh's role from "Grey's Anatomy")
47. Best
48. Brash
49. Jeans material
51. Ancient seaport of Rome
54. Seize
55. Finished
58. Popular lipstick colour
59. "Pick a card, __ card..."
60. Jane or John
61. Yore

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Avoid controversial subjects today, because people are quick to anger. Furthermore, not only are people hot tempered, they are blind to logic and reason.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a poor day to discuss how to share something, because people are intense. However, if you really have to fight for your best interests, it might work; you will be courageous!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Don't make a big deal out of things with partners and close friends today, because matters quickly can get out of hand. Wear water wings, and stay in the shallow end of the pool.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You have lots of energy to work today. The only downside is that you might be demanding of others. Just take it easy.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a powerful day for those of you who are involved in sports. However, regarding other matters, you might be coming on too strong. Be gentle with children and romantic partners.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You can use your energy today to move furniture and make improvements and renovations to your home. Do your best to avoid family arguments.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are powerful and forceful today! Because you are persuasive, people will listen to you. Nevertheless, don't be overbearing.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Be careful when shopping today, because you might be overruled by your strong feelings instead of your good common sense. There's a difference between a want and a need.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a powerful day for you, because the Moon is in your sign, lined up with fiery Mars. This makes you courageous, but also inclined to argue! Stay chill.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You can pull some strings from behind the scenes today because you have influence. One area that is a strong focus now is your home and family.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Avoid confrontations with a female companion, especially in a group, today. Things could quickly get out of hand. Keep your head down and your powder dry.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Discussions with authority figures might be too intense today. Be polite — the power of courtesy can never be underestimated. Don't go looking for trouble.

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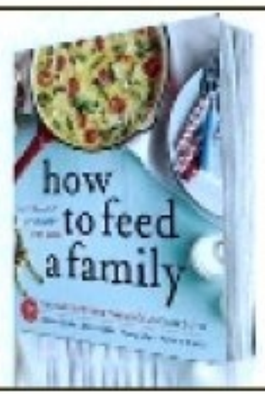

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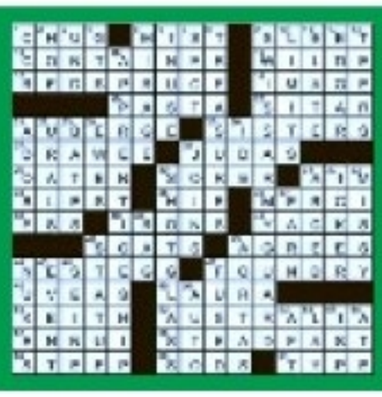

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